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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (No Fee Due)

This statement should be considered because it is submitted:

X before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits.

Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of some of the documents listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided; and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the documents cited in the enclosed European Search Report are not provided because each item was previously cited in the corresponding International Search Report which is currently of record in the present application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report issued in connection with Applicant's related U.S. application, Serial No. 08/765,151 filed December 11, 1996.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document is provided in the form of an English abstract attached to the front to the Japanese references, and a complete English translation of the Italian application document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)).

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art". Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.


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Respectfully submitted,

Takeshi Tabata, et al.,

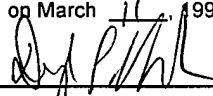
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